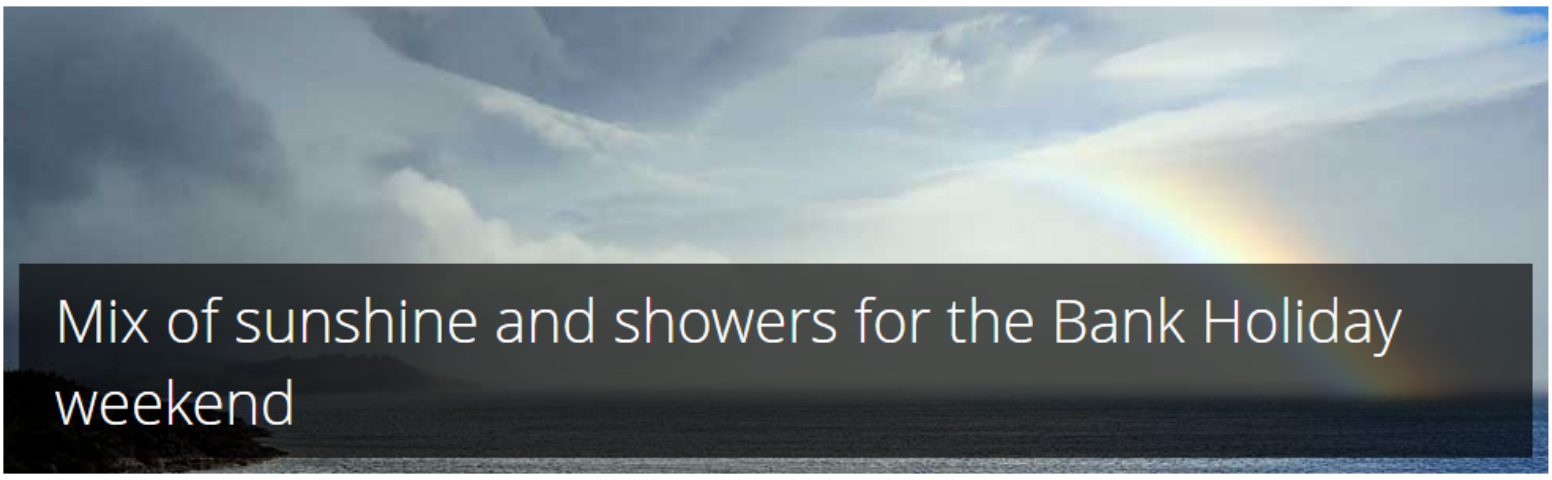
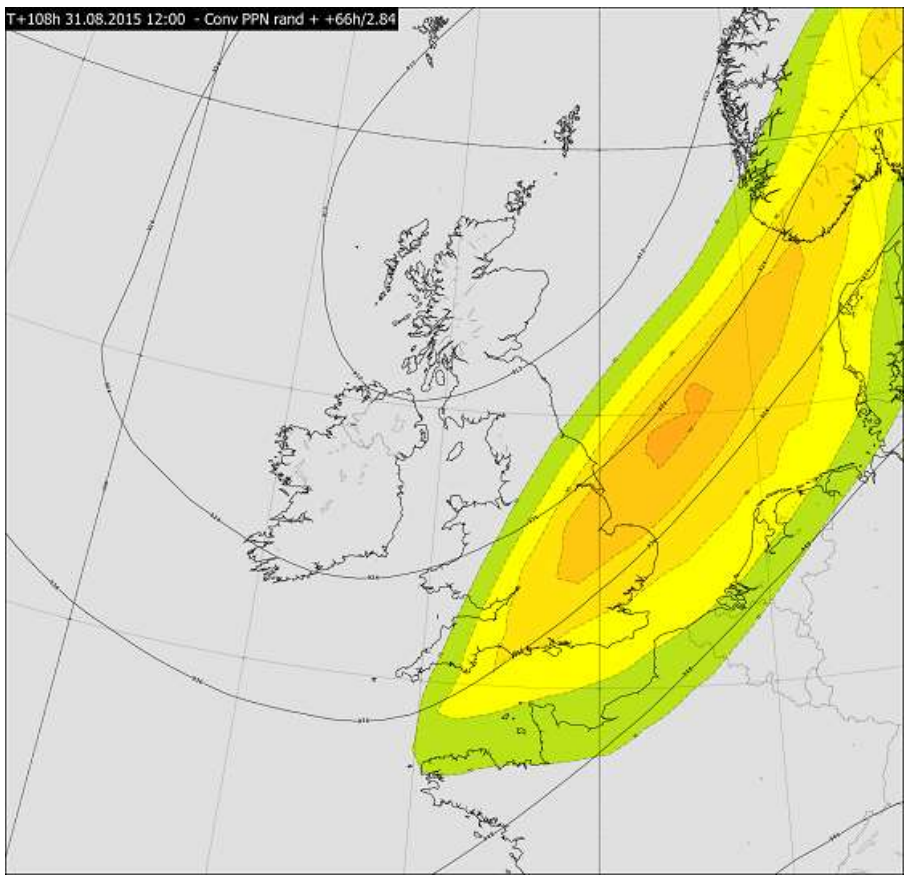


Mix of sunshine and showers for the Bank Holiday weekend

27 August 2015 - Mix of sunshine and showers for most over the Bank holiday weekend

The Bank Holiday weekend is looking like a mixture of sunshine and showers for many parts of the UK. The heaviest, and most frequent showers will tend to be toward the north and west of the country. However, some uncertainty surrounds the forecast on Sunday, when cloud and outbreaks of rain may spread across some parts of England and Wales, and perhaps some heavy, thundery rain in the far southeast.

On Monday much of the country will see a mix of sunshine and showers, then as the jet stream slowly clears east, this will allow better weather to come in from the west. The UK will see more in the way of drier and sunnier conditions by the middle of next week as high pressure builds.



Jet Stream moving east allowing in better weather 31 August

Deputy Meteorologist Jason Kelly said: "Although the high pressure will bring some more settled conditions and sunshine by the middle of next week this will be accompanied by winds from the north, which means temperatures are likely to be a bit cooler than average, particularly at night, with chilly evenings and local overnight frosts possible."

Malcolm Bell, Chief Executive of Visit Cornwall, said: "Settled weather for the last few days of the school holidays is very welcome news. Of course we would have hoped for more dry and fine weather but we have had some glorious days of sunshine between the clouds and with lots of wet weather options, Cornwall is well placed to ride the rain. Sunnier conditions to close August will offer positivity for September when Cornwall is still busy and welcoming visitors."

Rick Turner who runs The BIG Sheep and Atlantis Adventure Park attractions in Devon said: "I am delighted that the forecast is picking up for the last week of the school holidays, this will make a huge difference to last minute bookings at this critical time.

"This summer has been pretty mixed but the last week is looking much better. The visitor numbers have been excellent over the holidays and the all weather attractions are obviously very busy when the weather is not great, but as long as we get some days on the beach as part of the holiday mix our visitors still greatly enjoy the South West holiday experience."

The Bank Holiday weekend also coincides with some of the largest astronomical UK tides for the past 20 years but with the expected weather conditions these are not likely to have any real impacts.

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